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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 120$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.027
 wR factor = 0.058
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.7

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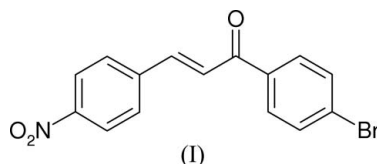
(2E)-1-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-prop-2-en-1-one

In the approximately planar molecule of the title compound, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrNO}_3$, the dihedral angle between the two benzene rings is 4.97 (18°). Intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ interactions help to form chains of molecules in the crystal structure.

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Comment

Chalcone derivatives show considerable promise as organic non-linear optical materials (Uchida *et al.*, 1998). As part of our ongoing studies of these compounds (Harrison *et al.*, 2006), the synthesis and structure of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), is presented here. Compound (I) is an isomer of the recently reported 3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one [(II); Rosli *et al.*, 2006], in which the bromo and nitro substituents are exchanged on the benzene rings.



The geometrical parameters for (I) fall within their expected ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The degree of twisting about the C_6-C_7 and C_9-C_{10} bonds in (I) (Table 1) is almost the same, but in opposite senses. This results in the C_1-C_6 and $\text{C}_{10}-\text{C}_{15}$ benzene-ring mean planes in (I) being close to parallel [dihedral angle = 4.97 (18°)]. By comparison, in compound (II), the dihedral angles between the mean planes of the corresponding benzene rings in the two molecules of the asymmetric unit are 12.83 (7°) and 41.15 (7°). The well ordered nitro group in (I) is slightly twisted away from the $\text{C}_{10}-\text{C}_{15}$ benzene ring mean plane [dihedral angle = 3.4 (4°)].

A PLATON (Spek, 2003) analysis of (I) indicated two possible intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ interactions (Table 2) that result in chains of molecules (Fig. 2) propagating in either

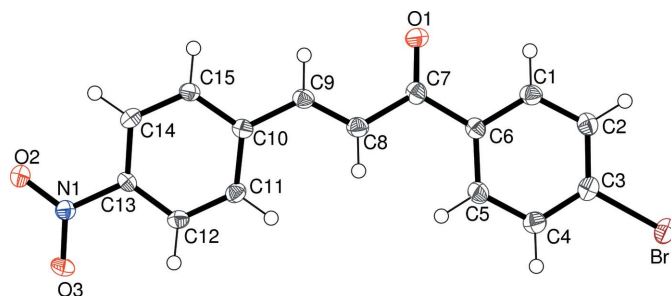
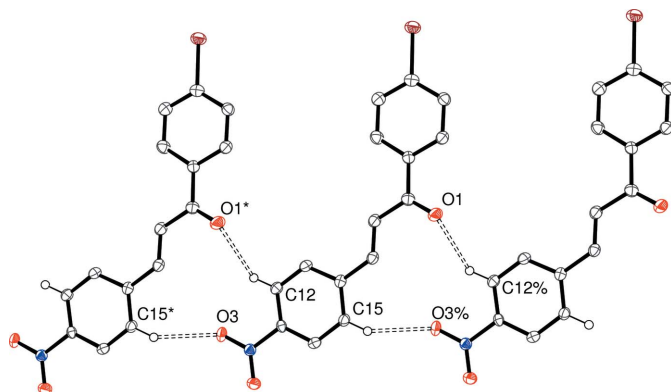


Figure 1
View of the molecular structure of (I) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.

**Figure 2**

Detail of (I), showing the C—H...O interactions (dashed lines) that link the molecules into [011] and [01 $\bar{1}$] chains. Atoms with the suffixes * and % are generated by the symmetry operations $(x, y - 1, z + 1)$ and $(x, y + 1, z - 1)$, respectively.

[011] or [01 $\bar{1}$]. The graph-theory (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995) notation for the closed loop that results is $R_2^2(12)$. Overall, the packing (Fig. 3) results in zigzag (100) sheets of (I). The packing in (II) is completely different: all molecules are aligned in approximately the same orientation, resulting in a layered structure in the centrosymmetric space group $P\bar{1}$.

Experimental

A solution of potassium hydroxide (5%, 5 ml) was added slowly with stirring to a mixture of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (1.51 g, 0.01 mol) and 4-bromoacetophenone (1.99 g, 0.01 mol) in ethanol (30 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The precipitated solid was filtered, washed with water, dried and crystals of (I) were recrystallized from acetone by slow evaporation (yield: 68%; m.p. 439–441 K). Analysis found (calculated) for $C_{15}H_{10}BrNO_3$ (%): C 54.11 (54.24), H 3.04 (3.03), N 4.10 (4.22).

Crystal data

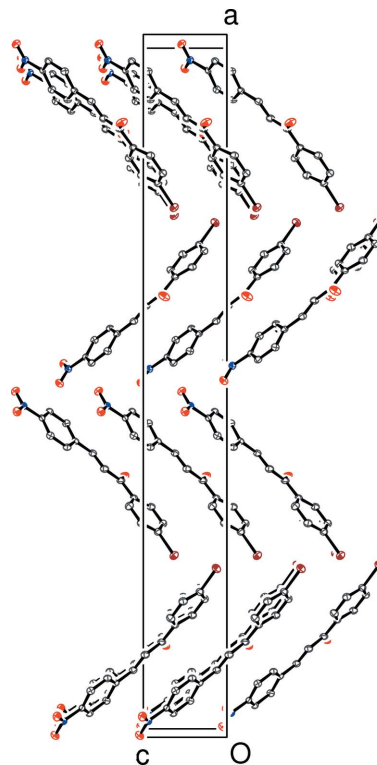
$C_{15}H_{10}BrNO_3$	$Z = 4$
$M_r = 332.15$	$D_x = 1.679 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Orthorhombic, $Pna2_1$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 43.007(3) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 3.13 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 5.9744(4) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 120(2) \text{ K}$
$c = 5.1137(3) \text{ \AA}$	Slab, light yellow
$V = 1313.92(15) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.48 \times 0.34 \times 0.16 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer	9881 measured reflections
ω and φ scans	2833 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan	2452 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
(SADABS; Bruker, 2003)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.034$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.315$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.634$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.6^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0103P)^2 + 0.5147P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.027$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.058$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
$S = 1.02$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.42 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
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181 parameters	Absolute structure: Flack (1983),
H-atom parameters constrained	1143 Friedel pairs
	Flack parameter: 0.039 (9)

**Figure 3**

The unit cell contents of (I), viewed down [010]. H atoms have been omitted.

Table 1

Selected torsion angles ($^\circ$).

C1—C6—C7—O1	9.1 (4)	C8—C9—C10—C11	−9.3 (5)
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Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C12—H12...O1 ⁱ	0.95	2.51	3.218 (3)	131
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Symmetry codes: (i) $x, y - 1, z + 1$; (ii) $x, y + 1, z - 1$.

The H atoms were positioned geometrically ($C-H = 0.95 \text{ \AA}$) and refined as riding, with $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier})$.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 1998); cell refinement: *SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *SCALEPACK* and *DENZO* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997), and *SORTAV* (Blessing, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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direct methods

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Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

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Special details

Geometry. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.32687 (6)	0.5698 (5)	−0.0869 (5)	0.0226 (6)
H1	0.3347	0.7145	−0.1261	0.027*
C2	0.30283 (6)	0.4845 (4)	−0.2341 (5)	0.0231 (6)
H2	0.2941	0.5690	−0.3731	0.028*
C3	0.29161 (6)	0.2713 (5)	−0.1749 (5)	0.0231 (6)
C4	0.30431 (6)	0.1460 (5)	0.0239 (5)	0.0242 (6)
H4	0.2965	0.0007	0.0607	0.029*
C5	0.32863 (6)	0.2330 (4)	0.1705 (6)	0.0241 (7)
H5	0.3376	0.1459	0.3063	0.029*
C6	0.33999 (5)	0.4475 (4)	0.1197 (8)	0.0192 (4)
C7	0.36493 (6)	0.5567 (5)	0.2803 (5)	0.0224 (6)
C8	0.38183 (6)	0.4199 (5)	0.4754 (5)	0.0223 (6)
H8	0.3763	0.2671	0.4973	0.027*
C9	0.40457 (5)	0.5046 (4)	0.6208 (8)	0.0205 (5)
H9	0.4102	0.6560	0.5890	0.025*
C10	0.42189 (6)	0.3854 (4)	0.8269 (5)	0.0180 (5)
C11	0.41295 (6)	0.1732 (4)	0.9179 (5)	0.0207 (6)
H11	0.3953	0.1017	0.8434	0.025*
C12	0.42930 (5)	0.0672 (4)	1.1133 (8)	0.0200 (5)
H12	0.4233	−0.0769	1.1733	0.024*
C13	0.45468 (5)	0.1749 (4)	1.2203 (5)	0.0164 (5)
C14	0.46438 (5)	0.3842 (4)	1.1389 (8)	0.0195 (5)
H14	0.4819	0.4547	1.2162	0.023*
C15	0.44770 (6)	0.4884 (4)	0.9408 (5)	0.0202 (6)
H15	0.4540	0.6323	0.8817	0.024*
N1	0.47161 (5)	0.0649 (4)	1.4359 (4)	0.0193 (5)
O1	0.37058 (4)	0.7549 (3)	0.2512 (4)	0.0333 (5)
O2	0.49310 (4)	0.1664 (3)	1.5394 (4)	0.0244 (4)
O3	0.46321 (4)	−0.1244 (3)	1.5005 (4)	0.0251 (4)
Br1	0.258082 (5)	0.14848 (4)	−0.36943 (8)	0.02868 (8)

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
C1	0.0198 (12)	0.0203 (13)	0.0277 (15)	0.0006 (11)	0.0010 (12)	0.0023 (12)
C2	0.0216 (12)	0.0257 (14)	0.0220 (13)	0.0017 (11)	−0.0006 (11)	0.0021 (12)
C3	0.0197 (13)	0.0262 (14)	0.0233 (14)	0.0016 (11)	−0.0001 (11)	−0.0051 (12)
C4	0.0222 (13)	0.0224 (13)	0.0280 (13)	0.0008 (11)	0.0011 (11)	−0.0004 (12)
C5	0.0246 (11)	0.0209 (12)	0.027 (2)	0.0044 (10)	−0.0038 (12)	0.0011 (13)
C6	0.0152 (9)	0.0211 (11)	0.0213 (11)	0.0035 (9)	0.0018 (15)	0.0013 (17)
C7	0.0155 (12)	0.0252 (14)	0.0264 (14)	0.0031 (11)	0.0002 (11)	0.0019 (13)
C8	0.0193 (12)	0.0201 (14)	0.0276 (14)	0.0000 (11)	0.0008 (11)	0.0029 (12)
C9	0.0181 (10)	0.0194 (11)	0.0238 (12)	0.0001 (8)	0.0027 (16)	0.0028 (18)
C10	0.0165 (12)	0.0172 (13)	0.0202 (13)	0.0025 (10)	0.0040 (10)	0.0003 (11)
C11	0.0171 (12)	0.0209 (14)	0.0243 (14)	−0.0027 (10)	0.0002 (11)	−0.0002 (12)

C12	0.0214 (10)	0.0155 (10)	0.0232 (12)	−0.0007 (9)	0.0012 (15)	−0.0009 (16)
C13	0.0171 (11)	0.0178 (13)	0.0143 (11)	0.0032 (10)	0.0026 (9)	0.0019 (10)
C14	0.0180 (9)	0.0199 (12)	0.0206 (11)	−0.0028 (8)	0.0017 (18)	−0.0036 (16)
C15	0.0205 (12)	0.0164 (13)	0.0236 (14)	−0.0009 (10)	−0.0003 (11)	0.0030 (11)
N1	0.0202 (10)	0.0190 (11)	0.0186 (11)	−0.0004 (9)	0.0003 (9)	−0.0001 (10)
O1	0.0304 (10)	0.0221 (10)	0.0473 (12)	−0.0069 (9)	−0.0132 (10)	0.0093 (10)
O2	0.0241 (9)	0.0239 (10)	0.0253 (10)	−0.0015 (8)	−0.0062 (7)	0.0004 (8)
O3	0.0292 (10)	0.0207 (10)	0.0254 (10)	−0.0034 (8)	0.0008 (8)	0.0090 (8)
Br1	0.02627 (12)	0.03238 (14)	0.02741 (13)	−0.00336 (11)	−0.00592 (16)	−0.0030 (2)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

C1—C2	1.377 (4)	C9—C10	1.474 (4)
C1—C6	1.403 (4)	C9—H9	0.9500
C1—H1	0.9500	C10—C15	1.396 (3)
C2—C3	1.395 (4)	C10—C11	1.404 (3)
C2—H2	0.9500	C11—C12	1.377 (4)
C3—C4	1.375 (4)	C11—H11	0.9500
C3—Br1	1.899 (3)	C12—C13	1.380 (4)
C4—C5	1.388 (4)	C12—H12	0.9500
C4—H4	0.9500	C13—C14	1.382 (3)
C5—C6	1.396 (3)	C13—N1	1.476 (3)
C5—H5	0.9500	C14—C15	1.389 (4)
C6—C7	1.500 (4)	C14—H14	0.9500
C7—O1	1.218 (3)	C15—H15	0.9500
C7—C8	1.481 (4)	N1—O2	1.226 (3)
C8—C9	1.329 (4)	N1—O3	1.232 (3)
C8—H8	0.9500		
C2—C1—C6	121.4 (2)	C8—C9—C10	126.0 (2)
C2—C1—H1	119.3	C8—C9—H9	117.0
C6—C1—H1	119.3	C10—C9—H9	117.0
C1—C2—C3	118.6 (3)	C15—C10—C11	118.5 (2)
C1—C2—H2	120.7	C15—C10—C9	119.2 (2)
C3—C2—H2	120.7	C11—C10—C9	122.3 (2)
C4—C3—C2	121.3 (2)	C12—C11—C10	121.1 (2)
C4—C3—Br1	118.6 (2)	C12—C11—H11	119.5
C2—C3—Br1	120.1 (2)	C10—C11—H11	119.5
C3—C4—C5	119.6 (3)	C11—C12—C13	118.5 (2)
C3—C4—H4	120.2	C11—C12—H12	120.8
C5—C4—H4	120.2	C13—C12—H12	120.8
C4—C5—C6	120.5 (3)	C12—C13—C14	122.8 (3)
C4—C5—H5	119.8	C12—C13—N1	118.6 (2)
C6—C5—H5	119.8	C14—C13—N1	118.6 (2)
C5—C6—C1	118.5 (3)	C13—C14—C15	118.0 (2)
C5—C6—C7	123.2 (3)	C13—C14—H14	121.0
C1—C6—C7	118.3 (2)	C15—C14—H14	121.0
O1—C7—C8	121.4 (2)	C14—C15—C10	121.2 (2)

O1—C7—C6	119.9 (2)	C14—C15—H15	119.4
C8—C7—C6	118.7 (2)	C10—C15—H15	119.4
C9—C8—C7	121.9 (2)	O2—N1—O3	124.0 (2)
C9—C8—H8	119.1	O2—N1—C13	118.3 (2)
C7—C8—H8	119.1	O3—N1—C13	117.7 (2)
C6—C1—C2—C3	−0.3 (4)	C8—C9—C10—C15	172.2 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	−0.7 (4)	C8—C9—C10—C11	−9.3 (5)
C1—C2—C3—Br1	179.1 (2)	C15—C10—C11—C12	−0.6 (4)
C2—C3—C4—C5	0.5 (4)	C9—C10—C11—C12	−179.0 (3)
Br1—C3—C4—C5	−179.4 (2)	C10—C11—C12—C13	0.5 (4)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.8 (4)	C11—C12—C13—C14	−0.2 (4)
C4—C5—C6—C1	−1.8 (4)	C11—C12—C13—N1	178.0 (2)
C4—C5—C6—C7	176.3 (2)	C12—C13—C14—C15	−0.1 (4)
C2—C1—C6—C5	1.5 (4)	N1—C13—C14—C15	−178.2 (2)
C2—C1—C6—C7	−176.7 (2)	C13—C14—C15—C10	0.0 (4)
C5—C6—C7—O1	−169.1 (3)	C11—C10—C15—C14	0.3 (4)
C1—C6—C7—O1	9.1 (4)	C9—C10—C15—C14	178.8 (3)
C5—C6—C7—C8	9.9 (4)	C12—C13—N1—O2	−176.2 (2)
C1—C6—C7—C8	−172.0 (2)	C14—C13—N1—O2	2.0 (3)
O1—C7—C8—C9	−2.4 (4)	C12—C13—N1—O3	3.9 (3)
C6—C7—C8—C9	178.7 (3)	C14—C13—N1—O3	−177.9 (2)
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